MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot say.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Is the Government aware of the inconvenience caused to the clients by having this Court away from the other courts?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is only 2 furlongs; that is not a long distance.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): If there is a public place available, why not locate this court near the other public offices?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): If there is space available that could be done. But even then, there will be the necessity for erecting a building which means that some expense will have to be incurred.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): May I take it that because there is scarcity of accommodation this court is located apart from the other offices?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is no scarcity of accommodation.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Then, what is the purpose in having this particular court alone detached from the others?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have already said that I could not say.

*The State Geologist.*

237. MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state the name of the State Geologist, or, if there is no separate officer for the same, the name of the officer who performs the duties of the Geologist now?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): There is no State Geologist and there is none to perform his duties at present.

Mr. I. C. Chacko, Director of Industries, was, till his retirement on 25-12-31, also attending to the work of the State Geologist. Since then, there is no such officer. It is proposed to appoint a Geologist on Rs. 150-10-200 in the Department of Industries from the beginning of 1108 and provision therefor has been included in the Preliminary Budget for 1108.

*Experimental Anchal Office at Chengamanad.*

238. MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was a memorial from the people of Chengamanad for the opening of an Anchal Office at Chengamanad in the Parur taluk;

(*b*) whether any security was required to be deposited;

(*c*) whether it was deposited;

(*d*) whether the Anchal Superintendent has recommended the opening of one;

(*e*) whether sanction was given for one, and

(*f*) if not, the reason for the delay?

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**MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes; and the Anchal Office has been opened from the 15th Mithunam 1107.

(*f*) In view of the answer to part (*e*) the question does not arise.

## Voting of Demands For Grants.

### DEMAND II—AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

**PRESIDENT**: The next business is Demand II—Agriculture and Fisheries.

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Census Commissioner*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 1,51,667 under Demand II—Agriculture and Fisheries.

***Motion No. 103.***

**MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Sir, I move that the allotment of Rs. 1,200 for Bacteriological Assistant be omitted.

Sir, we seldom resort to move such substantial cuts like the present one. Before I discuss the principles involved in the motion, I have to bring to the notice of the House and the head of the department some of the irregularities which are being perpetrated not only in this department but in other departments too. But I would like to draw the pointed attention of the House to this particular item under the Agricultural Department. First of all, the *Administration Report* of the department for the year 1106 seems to be a little bit different from that of the previous years. From paragraph 13 of the *Report*, I can understand what the functions of the different Experts employed in the department are; but nothing is mentioned there about the work of the Bacteriological Assistant. The first thing that we want to know is what the work of this Bacteriological Assistant now provided for in the Budget is. Secondly, we would like to know whether real necessity is felt by the department to have the services of an Expert in Bacteriology, and if so, why the department came to the conclusion that it would, for the time being, be satisfied with an Assistant. What is the qualification of the present incumbent; what is the nature of the work that he is expected to do; what are the works entrusted to him? We know nothing of these things. Sir, there is a place for permanent Bacteriologist in the department in this year's Budget. But he has gone on study leave to America. His place has been shifted to the bottom and lodging allowances are given to the Agricultural Chemist. Thus, both the places have been interchanged. Under what authority was this effected? Is there such a custom in the department to interchange offices with reference to personalities concerned? What is the purpose with which he has gone to America? What place will he be asked to occupy after his return from America and what are the duties that he is expected to do when he rejoins duty? These are very pertinent questions. I request the members to recall to their memory the discussion that took place in this House a year or

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